

**TABLE 2 - WOODCOCK
WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING CRITERIA - QUALITY OF HABITAT ELEMENTS**

Wildlife Species	Habitat Element	Plant Species Available	Management	Component Score ¹	Applicable Score ²		Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) ³
					Existing	Planned	
American Woodcock (Statewide)	Grain and Seed Crops	(LITTLE OR NO BENEFIT)	-	-			
	Domestic Grasses and Legumes	<p>A - Shorter growing species such as: Creeping Bent, Smooth Brome, Red Fescue, Bluegrass, Ladino Clover, and White Dutch Clover.</p> <p>B - Taller growing species such as: Orchardgrass, Crownvetch, Flatpea, Tall Fescue, Big Bluestem, Switchgrass, Broomsedge and Timothy.</p> <p>C - No domestic grasses and legumes.</p>	<p>A-1 Occurs as pasture and receives normal agronomic treatments.</p> <p>A-2 Occurs as hayland and receives normal agronomic treatments.</p> <p>B-1 Occurs as pasture and receives normal agronomic treatments.</p> <p>B-2 Occurs as hayland and receives normal agronomic treatments.</p> <p align="center">-</p>	<p>A-1 2</p> <p>A-2 1</p> <p>B-1 1</p> <p>B-2 0</p> <p>C 0</p>			<p>386</p> <p>511</p> <p>512</p> <p>590</p> <p>Cool Season Grass Job Sheet</p> <p>Warm Season Grass Job Sheet</p>
	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants	<p>A - Wild herbaceous plants dominated by one or more of the following species; Sedges, Violets, Ragweeds, Bedstraw, Smartweeds or Ferns.</p> <p>B - A wide variety of herbaceous plants available (but not dominated by those identified in "A")</p> <p>C - Dominated heavily by Goldenrod, Thistles, Loosetrife and other "tall" species.</p> <p>D - No wild herbaceous upland plants.</p>	<p>A-1 Area is grazed lightly each year and mowed or rotary brush cut at least once every three years in late summer (after July 15).</p> <p>A-2 Not grazed but is mowed or rotary brush cut at least once every three years in late summer (after July 15).</p> <p>A-3 Not grazed and not mowed or rotary brush cut, will succeed to shrub thicket.</p> <p>B-1 As in "A-1"</p> <p>B-2 As in "A-2"</p> <p>B-3 As in "A-3"</p> <p>C-1 As in "A-1"</p> <p>C-2 As in "A-2"</p> <p>C-3 As in "A-3"</p> <p align="center">-</p>	<p>A-1 3</p> <p>A-2 2</p> <p>A-3 0</p> <p>B-1 2</p> <p>B-2 1</p> <p>B-3 0</p> <p>C-1 2</p> <p>C-2 1</p> <p>C-3 0</p> <p>D 0</p>			<p>314</p> <p>511</p> <p>528A</p> <p>Fallow Disking Job Sheet</p>
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A - A wide variety of deciduous early succession plants available including: Alder, Hazelnut, Apple, Black Locust, Hawthorne, Sumac, Grape, Blackberry, Raspberry, Dogwoods, Elderberry and Arrowwood. The saplings or seedlings of Aspen, Red Maple, and Black Cherry.	A-1 Shrub thicket occupies a minimum of 25% of the total woodland stand; and maintenance cuttings are performed to maintain shrub thickets by removing all trees which exceed 20 feet in height and >4"dbh. Apple will be retained regardless of size.	A-1 6			<p>314</p> <p>490</p> <p>612</p> <p>647</p> <p>666</p>

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American Woodcock (Statewide)	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs (Continued)	B - Various main stand heights primarily with species other than those listed in "A".	A-2 Shrub thicket occupies a minimum of 25% of this element, but maintenance cutting will not be conducted.	A-2 2			Cutback Border Job Sheet Forest Opening Job Sheet
			A-3 Shrub thicket occupies 10 - 24% of the total woodland stand; and maintenance cuttings are performed to maintain shrub thickets by removing all trees which exceed 20 feet in height and >4"dbh. Apple will be retained regardless of size.	A-3 4			
			A-4 Shrub thicket occupies a minimum of 10 - 24% of this element, but maintenance cutting will not be conducted.	A-4 1			
			A-5 Shrub thicket occupies 3 - 9% of this element and maintenance cutting will be conducted as in "A-1".	A-5 2			
			A-6 Shrub thicket occupies < 9% of this element and/or maintenance cuttings will not be conducted.	(USE B BELOW)			
			B-1 Timber is or will be harvested upon reaching maturity and stand density will be reduced to favor trees of good form and health and released as necessary from surrounding competition.	B-1 2			
	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A - Conifers are White Pine, Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, Red Cedar or Hemlock	B-2 Timber is not harvested in a timely manner; stands are overmature or overstocked resulting in a closed canopy.	B-2 1			314 612 666 Wildlife Conifer Job Sheet
			A-1 Occurs as scattered trees or clumps of trees less than 20 feet high and located in low density shrub thicket and maintained by allowing branches to hang low along the ground. Trees are maintained at 20 feet or less in height. OR Occur in plantation stands of low density (> 8 foot spacing) and are maintained less than 15 feet high.	A-1 2			

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American Woodcock (Statewide)	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs (Continued)		A-2 Occur as in "A-1" except no maintenance will be conducted, or occur as pole size or larger trees. (5-11"dbh)	A-20			
		B - Conifer species consist of one or more of the following: Austrian Black Pine, Scotch Pine, or Virginia Pine, Larch or Yew.	B-1 Occur as, and are maintained as in "A-1".	B-11			
			B-2 Occur as in "A-1" except no maintenance will be conducted, or occur as pole size or larger trees. (5-11"dbh)	B-20			
		C - Other species; OR No coniferous trees or shrubs.	-	C0			
	Wetland Plants	A - Alder is the dominant species.	A-1 Mature Alders removed to maintain a young stand of sprout growth. A few mature Alders of good form and health may be retained for seed source and catkin production.	A-12			314
			A-2 No maintenance.	A-21			647
			B-1 Maintained by periodic cutting.	B-11			657
		B - Dominant plants are other shrub species such as Buttonbush.	B-2 No maintenance.	B-20			658
		C - Dominated by herbaceous wetland plants.	-	C0			
		TABLE 2 - TOTAL QUALITY SCORE					

ELEMENT QUALITY RATING KEY

Total Score is: 0 - 4 = **Poor**
5 - 8 = **Fair**
9 - 12 = **Good**
13 - 15 = **Excellent**

¹ Component Score - This is the value of the habitat element with certain size and adjacent habitat elements.

² Applicable Score - To determine the proper rating, use the "highest" component score for the line entry which applies most closely or where all conditions have been met. Only one component score may be used per habitat element.

³ Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) - These are relevant practice codes in Section IV of the FOTG or additional references that could potentially be utilized to achieve management objectives for the particular habitat element.